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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

1. The President of the Security Council wishes to recall that by paragraph 22 of its resolution 1265 (1999) of 17 September 1999, in connection with the item entitled, "Protection of civilians in armed conflict", the Security Council decided to establish immediately an appropriate mechanism to review further the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General (S/1999/957) and to consider appropriate steps by April 2000 in accordance with its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations.

2. Pursuant to the aforementioned decision, an informal working group of the Council, consisting of the 15 members at the level of experts, to be chaired by the delegation of Canada, has been established for a period of six months, following consultations of the whole of the Council.

3. The members of the Security Council request the Secretariat to provide the informal working group with interpretation in the six working languages of the Council.

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